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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LANSING

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# Michigan Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission Meeting

May 10, 2021 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

#### **MINUTES**

#### I. Call to Order, Introductions – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

Dr. Khaldun called the May 2021 CLEEC Meeting to order at 1:03 PM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

# II. Review and adopt April 2021 CLEEC Minutes – All

Al Vanderberg motioned to approve the April 2021 CLEEC Meeting minutes. Lyke Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### III. MDHHS COVID-19 Updates

a. Departmental Response – Dr. Joneigh Khaldun

The overall cases – percent positives, cases, and death rate are all trending downward. The state continues to track this very closely. Over 7.3 million doses have been administered across all three vaccines. Over 51% of adults have received at least one dose. 75% over the age of 65, and 41% of adults over the age of 16 are fully vaccinated.

The state announced the MI Vacc to Normal Plan a few weeks ago. Additional information can be found <u>here</u>.

The COVID-19 Vaccine dashboard can be found <u>here</u>.

#### b. Healthy Homes Section – Carin Speidel

The CLPPP Program merged with the Healthy Homes Section about a month ago. In response to the decrease in blood lead testing due to COVID, the Department has drafted an Action Plan, including mobile blood lead testing events. There will be about 20 events being planned in 8-10 communities across the state.

The state is working on a statewide media campaign to focus on blood lead testing and encouraging individuals to talk to their physicians/pediatricians on if their child should be tested. The abatement workforce campaign should be launching within the coming days.

The section is looking at alternative models for purchasing. The Healthy Homes Section is moving to the "Lead Services Section"

An online module is in development for home visitors to assess lead risk in homes.

#### c. MDHHS Lead Strategy – James Bell III

MDHHS is creating a Lead Prevention Fund for landlords and homeowners to access capital to assist with lead abatement services. A request for proposal is being completed to identify a third party administrator to oversee the fund.

There are upcoming site visits and focus groups with the Medicaid Health Plans to discuss their lead screening practices.

There continues to be no update on RRP implementation in Michigan. The state continues to look for a legislative sponsor.

## IV. CLEEC Workgroup Report Out

#### a. Funding

The workgroup reviewed some of the CLEEC priorities – Medicaid CHIP SPA funding. CMS would be open to ongoing opportunities, but would require more detail on goals and process.

The group also discussed the recent Michigan 1238 report and opportunities present with the current injection of funding due to ARP. The workgroups wants to reach out to MALPH to hear some of their funding priorities and to update the CLEEC Presentation to focus on funding limitations.

#### b. Regulatory

Dr. Jacobs attended the last Regulatory workgroup meting and discussed lessons learned from the TACTIC project – improving language in ordinances, etc. At some point it will be necessary to bring together Regulatory and Funding. The

group is interested in created a regulatory toolkit to focus on these ordinances and how they can be applied in various municipalities.

## V. Regulatory Best Practices Discussion w/ National Center for Healthy Housing

Dr. Jacobs and Sarah Goodwin provided an overview of the CLEEC funded TACTIC project. TACTIC used housing codes as a mechanism for preventing childhood lead poisoning. The first year included Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, Detroit, and Flint. The second year added Bay City and Muskegon.

Some of the recommendations from this project included:

- Updating housing laws and regulations to define lead-based paint as a "nuisance"
- Enforcing the EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rules
- Update the elevated blood lead level definition to 5 micrograms/deciliter

There were additional recommendations around local staffing, code language, training and implementation.

Code officials are open to ongoing community engagement and recognize there needs to be some increased training.

There have been discussions on how different initiatives had implemented different components of remediation strategies. The group has been looking at comprehensive wraparound approaches in a pilot and opportunities to scale up. This could be used to assist with and inform the development of the Lead Prevention Fund.

#### VI. Other Updates

a. Action Item Recap – James Bell

#### VII. Adjourn

Al Vanderberg motioned to adjourn the May 2021 CLEEC Meeting. Rebecca Meunick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2021 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM May 2021 CLEEC Attendance Report

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	Name/Affiliation	Voting Member	Present	Not Present
1	Mona Hanna-Atisha/Physicians	X		X
2	Angela Hood-Beaugard/General Public	X	X	
3	Al Vanderberg/Local Government	X	X	
4	Christine Callahan/Early Childhood	X	X	
5	Kathy Moore/Local Health Departments	X	X	
6	Trina Townsend/Child Family Support	X		X
7	Joanna Kica/General Public	X	X	
8	Rebecca Meunick/Lead Advocacy	X	X	
9	Paul Haan/Lead Advocacy	X	X	
10	Lyke Thompson/Research & Technology	X	X	
11	Joneigh Khaldun/CME	X	X	
12	Dan Lince/MSHDA	X	X	
13	Larry Horvath/LARA	X	X	
14	Eric Oswald/EGLE	X	X	
15	Carin Speidel/DHHS	X	X	
16	James Bell III/DHHS		X	
17	Jennifer Shutts/DHHS		X	
18	David Jacobs/NCHH			
20	Michelle Twichell/DHHS			
21	Tom Largo/DHHS			
22	Martha Stanbury/DHHS			